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# U.S. Arms Superiority Told at Defense Meet

Russian scientific accomplishments of the past year have overshadowed the fact that this country is still superior in nearly every attack category, a U.S. government intelligence expert said in Dallas Thursday.

U.S. superiority makes the likelihood of any planned Russian surprise attack "remote," said Dr. Paul C. McGrath, deputy director of intelligence for the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization in Washington.

Dr. McGrath Thursday morning conducted a secret briefing on Soviet war capabilities for some 70 members of the OCDM's Regional Advisory Council in the First National Bank Bldg.

The council—made up of representatives of various federal government agencies — was briefed "to show the other agencies just what we are trying to defend against," Dr. McGrath explained before the closed-door meeting began.

## INSTANCES CITED

Though specific details discussed in the meeting were classified as secret, Dr. McGrath

pointed out in an interview some of the reasons for U.S. military superiority.

"The Russians are a little ahead—though not very far—in the intercontinental ballistic missile field, but we are way ahead in long-range jet bombers," he said.

"We have 15 aircraft carriers whose planes can carry nuclear bombs and the Soviets have no carriers."

And though the Russians are known to have the world's largest submarine force, our intelligence reports indicate that they still don't have any equipped to fire missiles, he added.

"And we have a large number of bases surrounding Soviet territory," he said.

Dr. McGrath believes the possibility of "limited" war is much greater than that of a full-scale world war. "One could easily start over the Berlin situation, in the Formosa straits or somewhere else," he said.

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Asked about Khrushchev's recent boast to U.S. Sen. Hubert Humphrey that the Russians have an 8,000-mile-plus ICBM missile, Dr. McGrath said he doubts the truth of the Russian claim.

"I don't know where they would have tested such a missile—their longest test range is only 3,500 miles," he said.

A youthful-looking man who wears a crew haircut, Dr. McGrath is a former member of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

He was graduated from the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Training Center and from the British Intelligence Training Center at Karachi, Pakistan.

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